



W-well, if Sir Gawaine
really insists...I'll
be sure to take
good care of Bering.

Chapter Four

Haut Prince





Shortly after the new year, Galahad's Alison forces marched on Logres.

Even on the first day of battle, it was clear that Gernzyer's combined armies could only hold out for so long against the endless onslaught.

On neither side, the famed Red Knight was nowhere to be found.



I wonder how everybody's faring Bering? Do you miss being in Camelot?



I'm surprised at
how long the High
King's forces are
holding out.

The Haut prince's
forces on Alben are
half again the number
of ours, and he has many
renowned knights and
military commanders.



Please, my lady,
you must allow me
to aid the High King
once more (I promise
I'll return every night
as I did last time!).



Well then,
you'll have to
ransom yourself
by answering
one of three
questions...



What is your
real name
(not thus "Servant
of the Lake"
business)...

Who do you
really love?

Or- do you
expect to ever
exceed your feet
of arms at my
brother's tourney?



You leave me no choice
but to say something
quite shameful, but

I expect to surpass
any feat of arms
I have done to date.

The situation was dire...
Knight-Captain Corwaine,
not quite recovered from his
head injury, suffered yet
another similar blow rendering
him unable even to command.



The battles continued
until it was all but
certain that the High
King's forces would
have to surrender...

When a knight dressed
in all black joined the
battle on the side of
the High King,



Without wasting time, the Black Knight engaged a battalion of a hundred knights by himself.



Although a little strange in that he was purposely avoiding killing anyone,



he came to everyone's aid, and drew every man like a standard."



My lord, this Black Knight has surprised the Red Knight.
What are your orders regarding him?

Would my lord like to recruit him as well?

How come a simple charge of nocturnal visitors knight errant unrecognizable?

He's riding Boring, for heaven's sake!

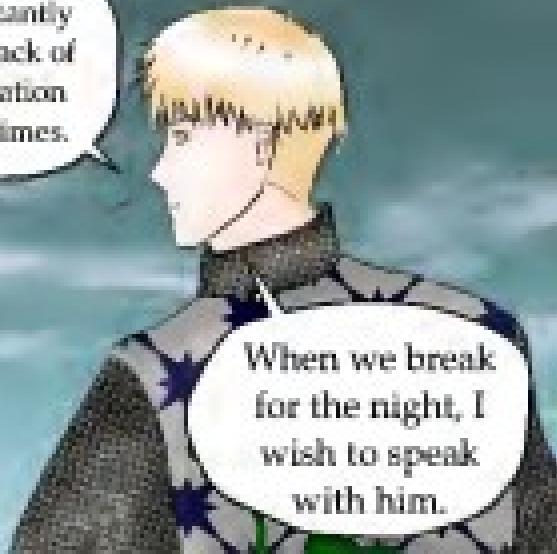
Are humans really that stupid?

Any so wishes may engage him but I do not wish to see him killed.

If he needs arms or a remount let him do so.

And most importantly keep track of his location at all times.

When we break for the night, I wish to speak with him.







It's that
squire of Sir
Gawaine's!



No, he is
no squire.

I am but a
common knight,
good sir.

Indeed you are
a knight, the best I've
seen in the world.



My lord, I've come
to ask you, as a favour
to me, to stay with
me tonight

Who are you,
good sir, to
ask such a thing?



My lord, I am Galehus, son of the Fair Giantess, lord of all these troops against whom you have today defended Logres, which I had made a good start at conquering.



You are an enemy of the High King, and you ask me to stay with you? I'll never stay with you, God willing, as things now stand.



My lord, I would do more for you than you believe, and I have already begun. Again I beg of you to stay with me tonight, on condition that I'll do whatever you ask of me.



Truly, my lord, you are a great maker of promises! But I don't know how good you are at keeping them.



"I tell you truly that I make the fewest promises of any powerful man in the world. I wish to have your company this night, and if I can have more of it, I'll take it."

I assure you again on my honor that if you come stay with me
I'll grant you what you ask of me."

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The Knight Who Shrined

Chapter 4: First Prince
(to be continued)



Mary, why is this so short?



Seriously, babies are a lot of work. You'd figure I would have learnt by now, since this kid is not number one. For the next little while you'll have to put up with short/sporadic updates, and stupid author errors, but I will try my best.

